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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE -- JAMES MACMILLAN

1. WOULD DEPARTMENT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR JAMES MACMILLAN, EDITOR OF NATAL MERCURY, DURBAN'S DAILY MORNING NEWSPAPER, IN WASHINGTON MARCH 17 UNTIL ABOUT NOON MARCH 19? MACMILLAN WILL HAVE COMPLETED APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS IN VARIOUS U.S. CITIES ON BUSINESS FOR HIS NEWSPAPER AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEND THOSE TWO AND ONE-HALF DAYS IN WASHINGTON ON INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION--INSOFAR AS TIME PERMITS--U.S. POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OFF-THE-RECORD CONVERSATIONS WITH ONE OR TWO POLITICAL LEADERS AS AVAILABLE. SINCE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY WITH U.S. NEWSPAPERS, HE PREFERS DEVOTE TIME IN WASHINGTON TO OTHER FACETS U.S. POLITICAL LIFE.

2. MACMILLAN HAS BEEN EDITOR NATAL MERCURY SINCE 1971, HAVING HELD VARIOUS OTHER POSITIONS WITH NEWSPAPER SINCE 1949. HE IS 44 YEARS OF AGE; HAS VISITED EUROPE ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, BUT ONLY ONCE BEFORE VISITED U.S. VERY BRIEFLY. FURTHER BIO INFO BEING POUCHED.  
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